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■ **OBSTETRICS**

Midwife and doctor to work together

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

There may be an opportunity to keep obstetrical services at the Haliburton Hospital by combining the skills of the local midwife, Rebecca Weeks-Toth, with those of the only doctor doing deliveries, Norm Bottom.

After meeting with members of the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and a doctor from the clinical services plan committee that made the initial recommendation to close the obstetrical bed, a plan is in the works.

"We believe that there's a new model of care that we're investigating where we could deliver this service and still meet the expectations of the LHIN in terms of patient care standards. That model that we'll be exploring is a blended model where we'll use the services of a midwife as well as a physician. Right now we're just exploring that and we hope to get some feedback from the community on whether this is something they would like us

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MATT JAMES/Echo



Gate gliders

Tiffany van Lieshout of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School snowboard team rips through the gates at Sir Sam's Ski Area on February 26. The hill hosted the 2009 COSSA championships. Ten Red Hawks snowboarders qualified for OFSAA on March 4. See page 15 for story and photos.

■ **SENIOR GAMES**

Haliburton County makes its pitch

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

The selection committee for the Ontario Senior Games was treated to a tour of the county and considerable fanfare last week.

The opening reception for Ashley Haynes of Sportalliance and Bill Lytle, president of the Ontario Senior Games Association, was held at Minden's Dominion Hotel Thursday morning.

Canoe FM host Mike Jaycock and County Warden Dave Burton welcomed the committee and

were joined by previous senior games winners from the county.

"Today we will show that Haliburton County has excellent facilities to host the games," Burton told the group.

He noted that all of the lodging would be accessible, that there would be a social committee that would organize entertainment for the competitors and that the opening and closing ceremonies would be at the high school.

"As we move forward together you will find out that Haliburton is the place to be, not only now,

but in 2011," he said.

The Ontario Senior Games is for people 55 or older. Competitors represent the best of Ontario in a range of categories from cross-country skiing to bridge and euchre.

The first winter games were held in Collingwood in 2000, although the summer games had been running under the moniker of Actifest since 1986.

Last year, Haliburton County went through this same process

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Young man is season's first fatality

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A 22-year-old man from Stouffville was killed when he hit a tree after being thrown off his snowmobile.

OPP Const. Mark McMaster says that Jeffrey Scott Empringham was snowmobiling with a group of friends and family at Haliburton Forest on Friday afternoon. The group was "several kilometres" inside the property when Empringham failed to negotiate a turn and lost control of his snowmobile. He was thrown off and hit a tree.

An air ambulance landed at Haliburton Forest to take him to hospital but the young man was pronounced dead at the scene. Dysart firefighters and Haliburton County paramedics also responded.

McMaster says this is the first fatality in Haliburton County this snowmobiling season. It is also the first fatality in many years at Haliburton Forest.

A post mortem to determine the cause of death was conducted in Lindsay on Monday. The results were not known by the *Echo's* press time.

Meanwhile, on its website the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is reporting that "all trails are extremely hard packed with limited loose snow and icy sections. Groomers have been out attempting to remove moguls and there is limited snow cover in some areas with bare spots. Lake trails are still very icy and care should be taken when crossing."



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Long-time politician Keith Tallman, who passed away February 22, may be honoured by having a building named after him.

The Keith Tallman Memorial Arena?

AT LAST WEEK'S FUNERAL for long-time Wilberforce politician Keith Tallman, a very moving eulogy was given by Sharon Stoughton-Craig. She's been working for the municipality for 35 years, many of those with her beloved former reeve. She highlighted the accomplishments of his municipal career, including the construction of an arena, community centre and curling club in Wilberforce. There would be no better tribute, she said, than to name a municipal building in his honour. When present-day reeve Dave Burton got up to speak to the large crowd gathered at the centre for the funeral, he echoed these sentiments. Burton said he will discuss with council the possibility of renaming the Wilberforce arena after Keith Tallman.

here, there & everywhere —
news and events worth noting

Jerelyn Craden has been building up a loyal fan base ever since she moved to Haliburton a few years ago. A talented singer and performer, she's made several guest appearances at events throughout the county. In a past life, she was an accomplished voice-over actress. You can find a sample of her work on www.youtube.com. Do a search for the old animated television series called Strawberry Shortcake. She did the voice of Sourgrapes the witch. Meanwhile, episode four of her humorous radio drama, *Fireside Stories from Lake Whaddyathinklmean*, will air Saturday, March 14 at 12:40 and Sun. March 15 at 5 p.m.

The Grade 12 HHSS art art exhibition dubbed Tongues Untied opens March 28 at the Rails End Gallery. Two students, Leah Grant and Robyn Crawley, are collecting secrets and unwanted photographs as part of the hands-on exhibit. Details of the exhibition will be in the March 10 *Echo*, but for now the girls are asking that secrets, which are absolutely anonymous, and photographs be placed in drop boxes in Haliburton at the Rails End Gallery and *Echo* office and in Minden at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

Money to replace the town docks came from a grant from Fisheries and Oceans Canada and not from the municipal levy. Dysart et al, however, is doing the work.

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March 3, 2009

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Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Uranium mining

Cottage group asks Tory for ban

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor



MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO

John Tory has told local anti-uranium mining groups that, as leader of the opposition, he will take their concerns back to his Conservative caucus to gauge the MPPs' reaction to their request for a permanent moratorium on uranium mining in Ontario.

"It's worrisome enough to put a pause on it," he told members of Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration (CUME) at a meeting at his campaign headquarters in Lindsay on Friday.

However, he said proper protocol is to meet with his MPPs, especially those who are his party's critics, and do more research before announcing whether he'll make a long-term ban part of his party platform.

He did commit to including the negative economic impact that uranium mining would have on cottaging as part of his consideration.

"The economics of what I'll call cottaging and tourism are powerful," he said.

Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill of Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME) were supposed to attend the meeting

Susanne Lauten, the founder of Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration shows Conservative leader John Tory, who's running in Thursday's byelection, how the potential uranium mines in Highlands East could pose a threat to the entire county.

but poor road conditions kept them at home in Tory Hill. Al Zikowitz, publisher of *Cottage Life* magazine, accompanied CUME founder Susanne Lauten and Barbara Reid at the meeting. All three, coincidentally, have property on Gull Lake near Minden.

Lauten formed the group last November after attending a forum sponsored by the Council of Canadians. She became horrified by the potential health and environment risks of open-pit uranium mining, especially after realizing that such a mine was being considered in Highlands East. The more research she did, the more she was convinced that uranium mining should not be allowed anywhere in Ontario.

Her three main local concerns were dust particles containing uranium being released into the air during blasting, pollution of the Burnt River Watershed and the long-term environmental risks of the tailings ponds that would be left behind for generations.

Details of CUME's and FUME's arguments against uranium mining can be found at www.fighturanium.com

Cottage Life will feature an investigative report into uranium mining in Ontario in its next edition. It is also hosting a forum

on the subject at its upcoming show in Toronto.

Zikowitz says that while exploration in Highlands East seems to have stalled now that uranium prices have decreased, the provincial government must act to prevent the threat from raising its head again.

"Now is the time to address it," he told Tory. "Once they start drilling it's too late."

"From *Cottage Life*'s point of view, there are 100,000 cottages and be damned if we want to drive them all away."

Mining might provide short-term economic benefits but cottagers are fueling the long-term economy of "places such as the Haliburton Highlands," he said. "How many jobs are created as a result of cottagers spending literally millions of dollars in this county?"

Barbara Reid is the former president of the Gull Lake property owners' association and is now on Minden Hills council. She says that she's heard from realtors that potential buyers are scared of buying property in the eastern half of the county because of the threat of uranium mining.

"Word is getting out," she said, and that word will spread like wildfire once the *Cottage Life* feature comes out.

Tory told the delegates that he was concerned about being hypocritical if he supports nuclear power as part of a comprehensive energy mix but is against the mining of uranium, which is needed to create nuclear energy.

Zikowitz said it was important to separate the two issues. "One is mining, one is power generation."

As to Tory's comment that he can't be deaf to the argument that mining would create jobs in Haliburton County, Zikowitz said those short-term jobs – many of which won't be filled by local residents – must be balanced by the hundreds of jobs that will be lost if cottagers leave the area.

Tory would not immediately commit to the request for a permanent moratorium of uranium mining, similar to one imposed in British Columbia. He did promise to research the issue more and to talk to members of his caucus with knowledge of uranium mining and the issues involved with Ontario's industry. He said his main considerations would be the health and safety of Ontarians, followed by the economic impact.

He gave the delegation advice on who to contact in their lobbying effort, including Liberal MPPs.

REDESIGN

Echo gets a new look

Welcome to the new look of the *Haliburton County Echo*!

Readers will notice several changes this week, the biggest one being that we're a little bit smaller in length. The decision was made across the family of newspapers in the Sun Media chain. By having a uniform size, we reduce the amount of paper being wasted as the presses change from one size of newspaper to another.

To accommodate the new look, we've modified how we lay out the *Echo*. We've changed the headline style and design to allow us to get in the same number of stories without having to reduce the size of the text of our stories. We know that many of our readers prefer to have larger, easier-to-read type!

The change has also prompted us to take a fresh look at our Thursday publication, *Weekender*. Starting this week you'll find that it is dedicated to local people and events. For instance, on Thursday you'll be able to start planning what to do with the kids during the March Break by reading our comprehensive list of local activities. We're also including the bowling and card scores that used to be in the *Minden Times*. Take a picture of an event in Haliburton County? Email it to us and we can put it in *Weekender*. Want to let readers know of something coming up? Write us a story about it. It's your paper.

There has been much bad news in the media lately about the impact of declining marketing revenues on large companies such as CanWest Global, CTV and Torstar. But if you read the small print you'll discover that community newspapers are still doing quite well. Of course we're all affected by the recession, but community newspapers remain strong because our ties to the community are strong. Some adaptations, such as the length of the paper, are necessary but they do not affect our commitment to being a vibrant reflection of community life. That's what makes us stronger together.

Bancroft Uranium

Bancroft Uranium seems to have fallen off the map.

The Arizona-based company that hosted last year's public meeting about the property it had staked in Highlands East exists in name only.

"They're gone. You can't contact them," says Susanne Lauten of Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration. "The threat seems to have disappeared."

■ COUNTING THE DAYS

School back a week before Labour Day

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Students and parents will have to change their mental clocks this September.

Instead of waiting for Labour Day to signal that summer has ended and a new school year is about to begin, they'll have to wrap their minds around starting school a week early.

This year, Labour Day falls on September 7.

Following the traditional calendar, the first day of school would be September 8.

But provincial rules say that students must receive 194 days of instruction.

When you factor in all the holidays and professional development days, if students started on September 8 they'd have to stay in school until the first week of July.

And who wants to do that?

"Our first priority is the education of our students.

"We have tried to put together a calendar that would be consistent across our board that meets the educational requirements as well as the learning requirements of our teachers," said Gale Sharin, superintendent of elementary school improvement for the school board.

Instead, students are going to go back to school on September 1. Teachers will return on August 31.

By changing the beginning of

the 2009-2010 school year to one week before Labour Day, the Trillium Lakelands School Board might be robbing Peter – the last week of summer before Labour Day – to pay Paul – those glorious days of July when the last thing you want to be doing is sit in a classroom – but last Tuesday night, trustees decided it was worth it.

"We've had consultation with the community through the website, we've had consultation through our school councils, we've had consultation through our principal group, through our employee groups, elementary teachers, OSSTF, CUPE staff as well as our different departments in every part of the board," Sharin said.

This process began in early November.

The school board still must come up with a way to provide extra school time for students in Huntsville.

The Muskoka town is hosting the G8 Summit next June and schools will be closed when all the world politicians and media are in town.

"The other consideration is, if we do have a G8 summit ... we have to explore our options for what our students in the Huntsville area are going to do and what we're trying to do is cut down on the number of days that are impacted on the calendar," she said.

With files from Jenn Watt

MARTHA PERKINS/ECHO



Seeing double

One of the toughest challenges for any artist is to do a self-portrait. But Rotary exchange student Cindy Chou was more than ready to take it on. Her portrait class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be hosting an exhibit called Tongues Untied at the Rails End Gallery starting on March 28. Details to follow next week.

JDHES students get a lift

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Physically challenged elementary students in the Haliburton area will no longer have to go to school in Minden.

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School is getting an elevator.

"It's a wonderful-news project," says principal Traci Hubbert.

"They'll be able to attend their home school."

The Grade 4 to 4 school is wheelchair accessible, but only if you drive to the back of the school. Once inside, there's no way to get from one floor to another. This isn't only a problem

for people in wheelchairs. It also makes it difficult for students who break a leg or have other mobility problems.

The funding for the elevator is part of a \$4.5 million infrastructure announcement made by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Most of the money comes from the provincial government for major maintenance and capital work but the board received \$571,000 less than it did last year because of cutbacks.

Under the "school renewal" category, the breakdown for schools in Haliburton County is as follows:

Archie Stouffer Elementary

School: \$40,000 to renovate basement classrooms; \$20,000 to update automation.

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School: \$150,000 to install an elevator; \$50,000 to upgrade the phone system; \$20,000 to correct the ventilation system.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School: \$10,000 for roof drains under the parking lot; \$10,000 to tile small rooms.

Under the "good places to learn" category, the following projects were approved

JDHES: \$70,000 to repair the main entrance stairs and install a wheelchair ramp; \$30,000 to repair the east entrance stairs and sidewalk.

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We encourage you to see your son/daughter's teachers on Parents' Night - no appointment is necessary.

Ms. Kathryn Verduyn - Director
Mr. Rick Johnson - Chairperson

Mr. Gary Brohman - Principal
Mr. Irv Sternberg - Vice-Principal

Better Together

■ CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

Who will you vote for in March 5 byelection?

**Lyn Edwards, NDP****Slogan:** None.

On jobs: "Buy Ontario" policy for municipalities, assist the auto sector, sustain industrial jobs, expand infrastructure programs.

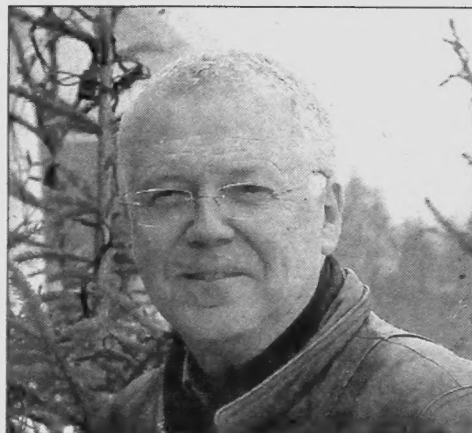
On education: Schools need more funding.

On health care: Increased funding needed, Local Health Integration Network "not for the people," oppose LHIN recommendation to close obstetrical unit.

On uranium: Wants health impact study done of uranium before any mining can be done.

On poverty: Build affordable housing units, increase minimum wage to \$10.25 an hour.

Website: www.lynedwards.ca

**Rick Johnson, Liberal****Slogan:** "Vote local."

On jobs: Build infrastructure to get grant money immediately in the riding. Rural transit for seniors. Better tourism marketing and buy local plans to stimulate economy.

On education: Is chairperson of local school board, notes Liberal government has decreased class sizes and increased high school graduation rate.

On health care: Enhance aging-at-home strategy to keep seniors at home longer.

On uranium: The current Mining Act assessment should be allowed to take its course.

On poverty: Ensure provincial money for infrastructure flows to this riding, fund skills development programs.

Website: www.votejohnson.ca

**Mike Schreiner, Green**

Slogan: "Prosperous local farms. Safe, healthy communities. A sustainable economy."

On jobs: Invest in rural infrastructure and farms, support marketing programs, create new renewable energy jobs.

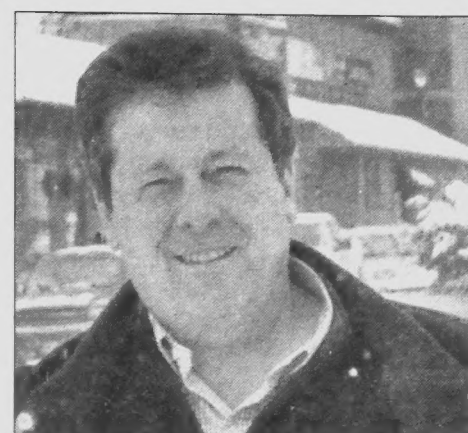
On education: Increase funding for training and education.

On health care: Use schools for community activities and health promotion, invest in preventing illness, oppose LHIN recommendation to close obstetrical unit.

On uranium: Invest in better grid connections and emphasize renewable energy, eventually get out of nuclear energy altogether. Opposes open pit uranium mining.

On poverty: Create jobs in construction work by investing in retrofitting homes, fostering small business.

Website: www.mikeschreiner.ca

**John Tory, Progressive Conservative****Slogan:** "We've got a job to do."

On jobs: Get broadband to attract businesses, attract tourism using arts, scrap MPAC property assessments for fairer alternative, expand Highway 35.

On education: Completely dropped faith-based school funding proposal.

On health care: Against LHIN recommendation to close obstetrical unit, more long-term care beds, no cutbacks to service at any hospital, supports some private providers of public health care at no expense to taxpayer.

On uranium: Wait until report on Mining Act comes back. Thinks nuclear power is essential for Ontario.

On poverty: Find solutions with local providers of social services.

Website: www.johntory.ca

■ Byelection costs

Severance, no pension for Scott

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Former MPP Laurie Scott will not be receiving a pension from the provincial government following her January 9 decision to vacate her seat to allow PC leader John Tory a shot at carrying the riding.

While rumours have been circling locally about just what sort of financial compensation Scott is receiving from the province, the former MPP said last week that she will definitely not be receiving a pension.

"There is no pension, provincially," Scott said.

She will be receiving \$100,000 in severance pay.

"It's severance for years worked," Scott said.

She explained that had she sat more years in Queen's Park, the cheque would have been bigger.

"It's basically to help people adjust," she said.

She added that all former MPPs, whether they are defeated in election, choose not to run again or resign, receive a severance from the province.

Scott is not abandoning politics, however.

She has been named the PC party's new election readiness chair and will get to work in her new position following the March 5 byelection.

"I will be working for the party to get ready for the next election," she said.

Scott said her new gig would allow her to remain stationed in the riding, where she will continue to live.

"I'll still be around, assisting John in the riding," she

said.

As to just who will be the party's candidate in this riding in the 2011 provincial election, Scott wouldn't say.

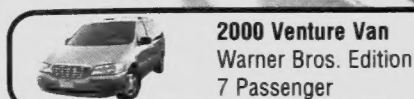
"We haven't decided that," she said.

She added that if people wanted to see her back she would consider running, but that perhaps they would rather see the "next premier of Ontario" as their MPP.

Scott was first elected as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in 2003.

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editorial

martha perkins

doesn't perform enough in a year to make him an expert.

If we required our doctors to be "experts" at every task they perform, we'd no longer have a local healthcare system. Not only is it an unrealistic expectation – in both rural and urban settings – but it is an unwise one. Our system would get bogged down if every patient could only be seen by a specialist in any given field. Imagine the costs!

If the Local Health Integrated Network is concerned about the safety of births at Haliburton hospital, then it should be able to back up those concerns with statistics. But it can't. There hasn't been a problem with any of the births performed at Haliburton hospital for generations, even when the hospital was the former Red Cross Outpost Hospital across from the arena.

Let's hope that there's not a note of paternalism creeping into the LHIN's way of thinking: "We know what's best for you." And let's go beyond just hoping that there's not an attitude of "If you work in a small town that must be because you can't 'make it' in a larger setting." As this editorial space has repeatedly stressed, living in Haliburton County is a lifestyle choice. We do so because we value the way of life that's available here. End of story.

Expectant mothers who choose to deliver at the Haliburton also are making a choice – and a knowledgeable one. Those who aren't comfortable with the lack of resources, or who are in any way at risk, choose to go elsewhere for their deliveries. Those who are comfortable with the local facilities and staff must be given that option. It's about freedom of choice; the LHIN wants to take that choice away even though it won't save the healthcare system a penny.

The LHIN is treating childbirth as a medical condition. Yes, it can be but that's usually known before the mother reaches the delivery room. In the Haliburton hospital's long history, childbirth is not to be feared but embraced.



Waiting for spring to come

Photo by Martha Perkins

Happiness is a frozen lake

HAPPINESS is a lake-sized skating rink, with no snow and only a few snowmobile ruts. I wake up this sunny Saturday morning to an almost perfect skating rink shining off into the distance. I can estimate the temperature at "way below zero" just by the look of the sky. Clear and frosty. My neighbour's chimney tells the chilly tale with its crisp white smoke steaming straight upward.

Thank goodness there is no wind because this is a tree-cracking morning already. Wind-chill would be torture. Yesterday we had spring-like temperatures busily melting everything, just to torment us into thinking spring was just around the nearest corner, and then it rained.

Yes. Rain in February – a taunting, teasing gift from the god of good weather who has a slightly cruel sense of humour.

Of course, during the night the temperature dropped about 30 degrees back into the more familiar February minuses, and, having melted the snow, replaced it with ice. So when life hands you a skating rink, go skating.

Now, where did I put my Tacks? Yes. I have a pair of Tacks, circa 1965, back when these kangaroo-skin beauties were the best in the world. The Russian hockey team used to buy up several pairs each when they were on their North American tour. I was wearing them at the arena a couple of weeks ago and they caught the eye of a youngster, who queried, "Daddy, that man has brown skates. Where do they come from?" The dad was just as confused as his son, which shows how really out of fashion these old scrapers are.

Skating is not just like riding a bike. In my mind, I remember a lot of speed and finesse with my spin-around, cross-over backward strokes,

finishing up in a spectacular snow-shower stop. Nope. Way too much water under the old bridge for that sort of thing. I seem to have a new fear of falling that doesn't exist in the memory bank. Falling, which used to be part of the fun, has been replaced by a fragility concern. My god.



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Remember Crack the Whip? Twenty kids joined hands and began circling until the kid on the end was doing about 65 mph and then he/she was let loose to rocket into the nearest snow bank. Fun. Wow.

Today, I think I will just skitter along the bay until I can find someone to stop and chat with for as long as possible. My 22-year-old son joins me in a Turtle and Hare sort of way, flashing in and out of voice contact, encircling, easing

into backward glides, conversing in spurts as we make our way toward a group of fish huts.

Hmm. No one fishing on this brilliant icy Saturday. Maybe it's just too bright a day to spend inside a fish hut. Maybe everyone is shopping today, fishing tomorrow.

Okay, the circulation seems to be coming back into the old games; let's try one of those semi-fancy spin cycles. Laughter from Jarvis the Younger. Panic from the Older. "These skates are too sharp," I croak. "Need to wear the edge off a little." Right.

I see we've enticed a few more skaters onto the lake. Four teenaged hockey players have appeared from the end of the bay. These guys are good. They're passing a puck around like the Leafs and are heading our way like they have a never-ending breakaway. Watching these youngsters reminds me why so many NHL players have come out of Haliburton. Time for a coffee break. Even my son agrees.

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Call me professor

THOUGH I TRIED TO REMAIN POKER-FACED and calm after hanging up the phone, my wife innately sensed that something big had just happened.

Using a little-understood, mysterious sensory power that all women have – called listening I believe – she casually stated, “Okay, you mumbled that something big has just happened three times now. Do you want to tell me about it?”

“Well,” I began coyly, with all the calmness and dignity that I could muster, “it has finally happened. I have just been offered a visiting professorship in journalism.”

“Oh my God,” she replied, “is it April first already? Where did the time fly?”

Of course, I expected no less. Generally, those closest to true genius are the last to recognize it – and Carol and I are inseparable. Perhaps it’s because the partners of geniuses bask in a higher level of intelligence so frequently that they have come to accept that as the norm. And right after Carol utilized downward pressure and a twist of the wrist to open a faulty bottle of Aspirin for me, I told her as much.

tales from



steve
galea

Vinegar Hill

“Well, if you must know more, I have been offered a professorial tenure at Wilberforce Elementary School,” I continued, trying not to sound overly smug or surprised. “From Thursday at 11:40 until 1 p.m. at the very latest.”

Suddenly, she didn’t have so much to say.

But it was true. The faculty at that hallowed institution, which will celebrate its centennial in 2012, had asked me to continue with my the second installment in my highly regarded lecture series, which began last year

at approximately this time, thrilling the students, almost as much as myself, for a full 90 minutes.

Tentatively entitled, I am writer, you be too, this interactive series will continue to provide the Grade 4, 5, and 6 student body with gems of writing wisdom that I have stumbled across over the years. I will divulge highly useful and secret rules that writers rarely share, such as the ever-important “Vowels, you need them at least twice a word – except in words like in, a, at, and, and word.”

I must admit that I am both pleased and flattered. Just like that I have skipped into the big leagues, sailing over less insightful and respected institutions. Wilber U has, after all, been far more selective in offering visiting professorships over the years.

They don’t just invite folks because they have held relatively meaningless titles like Pulitzer Prize winner or Best-Selling Author. No, they use a far more prestigious and, some might say, almost impossible standard – the visiting author must have a daughter attending the school and be available on Thursday. In any case, once Harvard, Yale, and Oxford hear of this, I imagine they’ll clamor for my attention.

“Could you please ready my tweed jacket, cravat, and pipe?” I asked absently, while shuffling important papers.

She answered, but not as one might expect. What followed instead was a highly audible verbalization, borne of years of resenting true genius, finishing with “...and besides you don’t have a tweed jacket, cravat, or pipe!”

That was beside the point, however.

A visiting professorship in journalism is no small thing. It lends a certain dignity to a person, but don’t worry, I’m sure to give it back.

From there on in it’s a hop, skip, and a jump into the lucrative ribbon-cutting and ship-launching trade. Tomorrow morning, in fact, I’m going to practise smashing a few champagne bottles on my aluminum boat just so I’m in peak physical form when I get the first call. I’ll probably need to buy a new set of safety scissors too.

I can’t tell you how excited I am to be able to walk down those hallowed halls in a historic building where I’m taller than fifty-percent of the occupants. I imagine the school will try to award me an honorary doctorate of some kind, if not in literature, then in extraordinary height. Quite frankly, I’d be honoured to accept either one.

We have a lot in common, that school and I. It is a cherished institution in this community. And while I am not cherished, as many people have previously noted, I ought to know a thing or two about institutions...



pic of the past

The local champions of the 1954-55 season was the Haliburton Bantams. Front row from left, Ron Burk, Jack Upton, Ed Dart, Jack Besse, Lawrence Warden and Scotty Larve. Back row from left, Albert Larue, Greg Johnston, Neil Burk, Bob Austin, Bob Sisson, Lyle Kirkpatrick, Bud Vickery and Herb Baker.

letters to the editor

Why I stepped down

To the Editor:

I know that many people – perhaps you’re among them – are concerned that I volunteered to step aside for the leader of my party, John Tory.

So I feel it’s important to take a moment to explain why I took this action.

The simple fact is that as Leader of the PC Party of Ontario, as Leader of the Official Opposition and as Ontario’s Premier-in-waiting, John Tory has a strong voice, has more influence and has more ability to get things done for Ontario.

Our province is in serious economic trouble. It’s a crisis that requires immediate and bold action. Ontario needs a viable alternative to the present Liberal government. That alternative is John Tory. I believe it is vital that John Tory has a seat in the Ontario Legislature. Here he cannot only fight for the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, but the people of Ontario as a whole.

As you know, before I ran for public office my

dad was the MP for our riding. It was from him that I learned about loyalty, duty and public service. And I learned about sacrifice in the public interest. Sometimes you have to do what’s best for your country or your province.

So when I’m asked how I could have volunteered to stand aside for John, I think of all of these things, I think of what’s best for you and for our community, I think of the lessons my father taught me.

Please know that representing you has been the greatest honour of my life.

I will never forget and always be humbled by your support. Now I ask you to extend that same support to John Tory.

I will be at his side as his strongest supporter, throughout the by-election and beyond.

Thank you,

Laurie Scott,
Kinmount

Will byelection change anything?

To the Editor:

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock non-event is mercifully coming to a close. This byelection will change nothing. There’s a small chance the Conservatives could be one seat less, in which case the political career of John Tory would be over. There is a small chance the NDP could be encouraged by success but a Green victory would be like winning the lottery, tremendously exciting and about as likely.

One might argue that this contest should have been between two prominent Conservatives and

confined to Conservative members. That, however, is too cynical.

This byelection can’t be a referendum on the current Liberal government because this is a rock solid Conservative riding. Some might suspect that the Liberals ran a candidate only to divide their critics on the left, the NDP and Greens.

No more signs stuck in snow banks. And no more unsatisfactory all-candidates meetings. Amen!

Jim Milne
West Guilford

See more letters on page 8

Do province favour: vote local

To the Editor,

Electors in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock suddenly find themselves in the position of being king-makers. What happens to John Tory if he fails to cop this safe rent-a-seat? Faithful tories (with a small "t") can rejuvenate the party on election day and do the province a favour in moving John Tory off the board.

Consider John's record. He's the guy who led Rogers into negative billing. Cable subscribers found themselves saddled with unwanted program bundles if they failed to reject them. Is this the economic philosophy we need to lead us out of our current economic quagmire?

He lost the last election because of his educational policies, that of fragmenting the public education system by sanctioning a publicly funded melange of religious and ethnic minority schools. It was vote buying. To be fair, he repudiated both positions - but only after they failed.

John is a good loser. He's had a lot of experience at it. He ran for mayor of Toronto and lost. He ran for the Don Valley Toronto provincial seat and lost. He did win the leadership race for the Conservative leadership after two ballots and squeaked in with just over 50 per cent. In the most recent review, one third of the party voted against his leadership and he took a few weeks before deciding to treat it as a vote of confidence.

The one election he won was Dufferin-Peel-Wellington-Grey with 56 per cent. What tory couldn't?

But here? In Haliburton? If he isn't good enough for the folks in his home town, why should we vote for this Toronto parachute artist?

Voters in Haliburton should do the province a favour. Cut loose this loser and elect a local representative.

Ted Morris
Tory Hill

WHY WE SHOULD ELECT JOHN TORY TO REPRESENT US IN THE RIDING OF HALIBURTON - KAWARTHA LAKES - BROCK

Before you decide to vote for a candidate, one should consider the following:

1. The people of Ontario now find themselves in the most difficult and challenging of times, in most cases through no fault of their own; unfortunately, the challenges to our economy are the same challenges experienced globally;
2. The person that we choose to represent us must be highly qualified and capable of managing the finances of the Province. This person must have sound business experience extending to business, not only conducted locally but business conducted on a national and international scale;
3. A person who is a leader of the official opposition is uniquely positioned to advance our local concerns as well as raise the profile of our community in the course of his duties and responsibilities in the Legislature;

Throughout his career John Tory has acquired the requisite skills and garnered the experience necessary to represent our Riding with character and distinction. He has faced more than his share of adversity and has demonstrated that he can both listen, learn and lead.

Signed Leonard Siegel

We can't afford to lose Dr. bottum

To the Editor:

I am writing from Florida and can't believe what I am reading in the *Echo* about the birthing bed. For one thing, we can't lose Dr. Norm Bottum. He has looked after newborns and their mothers for many years and has many patients who need him. Also I have a daughter-in-law who is a midwife and know the struggle they have getting permission to have access to a hospital facility. They are certainly a great service, which could be added to Haliburton area.

We have to fight the Local Health Integration Network to reverse its decision. County council and our health foundation, please get on the bandwagon and make sure this doesn't happen.

Lorrie Saville
Gooderham

Midwife airs many concerns

To the Editor:

RE: LHIN recommends maternity bed closed at Haliburton Hospital

Thank you to all those who showed interest and support during the all-candidates meeting on February 19 for keeping the maternity bed open at Haliburton Hospital.

Evidence shows that there are better outcomes for babies and moms when obstetrical care is available close to home. The Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada issued a joint policy statement affirming "that competency in obstetrical care is not dependent on number of births attended annually." It is imperative that we all do our homework, study and understand the facts before we eliminate the precious few resources that the women and babies of our community have.

Midwives are experts in low-risk pregnancy, birth and infant care. Services are fully funded so there is no cost to women. I came from a very busy midwifery practice in the Oshawa/Cobourg area and held hospital privileges in both Cobourg and Oshawa. I have always been deeply disturbed by the inequity of the availability and delivery of services to rural and remote citizens of our province and have spent my midwifery career finding my way to rural Ontario.

I am thrilled to be serving the women of Haliburton-Bancroft, but am disturbed by the proposal to eliminate options for birthing at the Haliburton Hospital.

When my question was posed to Liberal candidate Rick Johnson as to what plans he has for the women I have in care presently who want to deliver in this community, he responded by saying that if there was a need for our obstetrical bed, he would certainly support keeping that bed open.

There is a need Mr. Johnson. I have been open for 14 weeks and already have almost a full caseload. My clients deserve the choice of a local hospital birth. Dr. Norm Bottum's patients deserve the resources of a local hospital birth. I encourage all Haliburton residents to contact the Local Health Integration Network (Central East LHIN) to show your support for keeping birth local and taking care of women and families in Haliburton.

For more information and a copy of the LHIN plan, visit: <http://www.centraleastlin.on.ca>.

Gravely concerned,
Rebecca Weeks-Toth, Registered Midwife
Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft

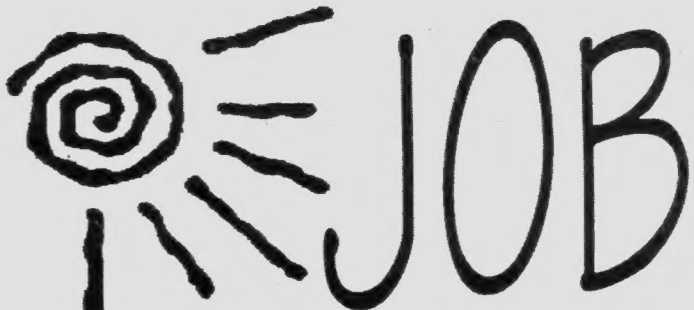
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■ Long drive Down Our Road

Sharon Lynch's column turns twenty

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

In February of 1989, Sharon Lynch approached the editor of the *Haliburton County Echo* with a proposition: she would write a 700-word short story every week for the paper's editorial pages.

"Are you sure you can do 52 of these," asked a skeptical Len Pizzey, worried that she could sustain such a high creativity level for even a year.

Twenty years and hundreds of travels *Down Our Road* later, the column ideas are at no risk of abating.

"I wasn't concerned" about running out of ideas, Lynch laughs today. "I knew it wouldn't be a problem."

She's sitting on a couch in the living room of her Haliburton home, enjoying the morning light pouring into the art- and book-filled room while her dog Patrick reminds Harry the cat that Patrick has supremacy over Lynch's lap. Occasionally Patrick leaps down and scurries to the large picture window in the kitchen, barking ferociously at some real or imagined invader of his backyard territory. The cat follows and they stand there, staring out the window at a world that Lynch can only imagine.

It's brief moments in time like these that can make their way into her stories.

"You can make a story out of anything," she says. "I think there are stories everywhere."

"It's really about enjoying the small moments of life because that's what life is."

While she admits that some of the stories are autobiographical, stemming from experiences in her past or present, some of the stories are totally fictitious. She'll write down little scraps of conversation, or a reminder of something she's read, and then wrap them in an imaginative story.

Her habit is to write *Down Our Road* on the Sunday night before it's due. (She's now writing the column once every two weeks.) If she doesn't have a specific column idea percolating through the week, she'll sit in front of the computer and let her mind go blank. That way, her characters have room to enter.

"I swear it's magic," she says. "Suddenly a thought will come in and the column writes itself. I'll just say, 'Oh, I wonder where that comes from?'"

"I know that once I have the idea it's like I have a movie running in my head. Once you get going it has its own momentum."

What she does is more difficult and complex than most people might imagine. She has only 700 words to introduce her characters and develop them into people the readers care about. There aren't running plots; every story is new and fresh. She has to place her characters in situations that are easily recognizable and yet give the plot enough twists and turns to avoid easily predictable endings. The stories have a beginning, middle and end and she relies on her readers' imagination to fill in some of the details. The result is a satisfying read; you feel you've just entered someone's life and inhabited their world for a brief moment. Many times you regret having to say goodbye.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Sharon Lynch's fascination with some of life's smaller moments are woven into the stories she's been sharing with *Echo* readers for the past 20 years.

Lynch doesn't want to belittle the art of writing by saying it comes easily to her. She prefers to say that writing is a natural way for her to express herself.

She grew up in a highly creative home. "My dad had his own business as a commercial artist" and the children were all encouraged to take lessons in a variety of pursuits. "It was just part of how families were – or so we thought."

Summers were spent at the family's cottage in Stanhope.

"Haliburton was a place as a child to be really free – unstructured time outside, barefoot, and the whole nature part," she says, her voice taking on a tone of wonder and awe as she remembers how magic the cottage was.

Lynch married when she was 22 and moved to Vancouver, where her daughter Erin was born. The family moved to Whitehorse then Toronto then Thunder Bay, where son Daniel was adopted.

In 1987 her marriage ended and she moved back to Ontario, first living with her mother in Toronto. "I could only live at my mom's for so long with two kids and pets." Then she heard that one of the Harrisons in Stanhope had a house that he wanted to rent out. She loved the idea of being able to live year-round in Haliburton.

"When I said I was moving to Haliburton, one of my neighbours had a little 'talk' with me," Lynch says. "She said Haliburton was a nice place to cottage but she was very condescending – 'Think of the [inadequate] schools, think of the [lack of career] opportunities.'"

"I've never regretted moving up here. I know it was the right choice for me and Erin thrived here."

Haliburton is not right for everyone. She had a friend who tired of everyone saying how beautiful it was, as if that beauty was enough to live on emotionally and psychologically. But it is in the beauty that Lynch says you can find your soul.

She's now a family service worker with Point in Time, doing expressive arts with young children and working with parents to help them with parenting issues. She works four days a week which allows her to devote an entire day to her pottery.

"Art is something I have to do," she says. "It's pottery right now but it used to be watercolours. It's about expressing myself. It's also about the joy of creativity – it's something you have shaped."

She sells her pottery at the Art Hive, the Maple Lake artists collective that her daughter Erin founded a couple of years ago. It's a place where all kinds of art is celebrated and nurtured, for artists of all ages.

Lynch is glad to see her grandson Seamus growing up in such a creative atmosphere, just as she did and her daughter did. "You don't have to become an artist or a dancer or a musician but art enriches your life in so many ways."

On many days, Lynch can't wait to get into her pottery studio, losing herself in the freedom to shape with her own hands something that wouldn't exist without her imagination. She has no sense of foreboding about those Sunday nights when she has to sit in front of her computer to write another column either.

"I wish I had 40 more years to do everything I want to," she smiles.

Locally grown goodness

Will Haliburton Village see a farmers' market this summer?

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

There was no shortage of input from local food advocates about how to create a Haliburton Village farmers' market. All that's missing is an action plan.

But baby steps eventually turn into full-grown strides and after last month's exploratory meeting at Fleming College the vibe was positive.

The meeting attracted approximately 50 people including producers, sellers, consumers, Green Party candidate Mike Schreiner, and various local organizations such as the local health unit, food coalition, and farmers' association.

Many of the attendees said the topics discussed were nothing new, but that the point of the meeting was to see that action is taken.

Acting as mediator was local food advocate, Bob Smith, along with former Jean Tyler.

Let's gel

The most apparent theme was how best to get producers, sellers, and consumers communicating with each other. For the farmers, who wants what? And for the consumers, where can we get this stuff?

The uniqueness of Haliburton County was mentioned, in this case the county's distinctive agriculture landscape which isn't the most, well, fruitful. However, with a booming population in the summer and more and more people wanting to buy local products there is certainly a market for a farmers' market.

"We're in a transition stage," said Andrea Coysh, president of the Haliburton County Farmers Association.

Paul Stone, a liaison between Environment Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition, agrees.



CASEY LESSARD/File photo

Waverley Brook Farm in Donald has a long history of promoting locally grown foods. Its Community Shared Agriculture partners help with the harvest.

"It is most important for producers, the coalition, and consumers to be face-to-face," he said. "We need to learn how to make that bridge."

Stone suggested a sustainable food program at Fleming College to encourage the younger generation to get into farming.

Tracey Green, co-founder of the successful Tory Hill Market, and Green Party candidate Mike Schreiner said one of the best means of communication is an exchange of information (email or phone number) at the actual market.

However the idea of Internet poses a challenge in some rural farming areas in the county. Many of the county's older growers don't own a computer and Internet and high speed isn't even available, which is difficult for the purpose of networking.

The number of producers in the county and how much they can and are willing to produce is also up in the air. Some want to produce as much as they can; others do it on the side of another business and can only earn so much money before attracting Revenue Canada's attention.

During the discussion farmers talked about how much lead time they require to

plant the types of crops consumers want to buy.

"The consumers have to demand it," said one farmer.

Another farmer said that he was too busy yielding to take a Saturday off to sell his product at a farmers' markets.

Schreiner believes that could be alleviated by finding people who are willing to sell for the farmers collectively.

Last spring the farmers' association introduced www.haliburtonfresh.com, created and maintained by Marcus Stong. It gives producers the opportunity to simply add their business name, location, and what they sell so that consumers can find them.

However, only eight food producers are listed. Coysh encourages producers who want to be added to the website but who don't have Internet access to contact her at 286-6753.

Give it another shot

The last time an attempt was made to start a Haliburton farmers' market there were issues regarding competition with local businesses. However, that may not be the case this time around, according to Dysart et al Murray Fearrey.

"The conflict was that they wanted to do it in Head Lake Park or municipal land and the council of the day felt it was kind of an unfair competition thing," said Fearrey.

And while a farmers' market on municipal property could still be an issue, Fearrey says that it's always an option but adds "there are really good alternatives out there now."

Fearrey believes there are now businesses that would "very much like to buy their products and allow them to have their

farmers' market on Saturday morning."

Fearrey has also talked to one of the commercial business owner who would be willing to accommodate the market. He invites interested producers to get in touch with him for the contact information.

Location, location, location

There are two minds about the possible location. The consensus was that it's important at the beginning but less important once established.

Green surveyed about 60 people at the Tory Hill Market and discovered that 80 per cent of those who visited the market had just stopped in after passing by, not knowing that it existed.

This year the Tory Hill Market is adding a community produce table where individual growers can sell whatever surplus produce they have.

The only two requirements were that the food was properly cleaned and packaged for sale and that users of the co-op table work one of the Sundays in the summer.

While everyone would like to see results sooner rather than later, they were also realistic that the local food movement is a work in progress and that it may take some time.

Other ideas included a weekend festival or food/food celebration, finding a permanent area or building to house a farmers' market, selling local produce out of existing businesses, and continuing the education process about the benefits of buying local food.

One person suggested getting a booth at this year's Home and Cottage Show but a producer said the going rate for a booth was \$160, which just isn't viable for a farmer.



Many are looking forward to a farmers' market this summer, in Haliburton County.

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Algonquin

Review of Long-Term Management Direction, Algonquin Park Forest 2010 – 2020 Forest Management Plan

We Need Your Input

Do you...

- Have an interest in natural resource management in the Algonquin Park Forest?
- Want to know more about the proposed long-term management direction in the Algonquin Park Forest?
- Want to take an active role in the planning process and development of the Algonquin Park Forest Management Plan?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, Ontario Parks (MNR), the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA), and the Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee invite you to review the proposed long-term management direction for the 2010-2020 forest management plan (FMP) for the Algonquin Park Forest. The proposed long-term management direction includes the proposed management strategy, which will provide for sustainability of the Algonquin Park Forest by balancing social, economic and environmental considerations, consistent with legislation and policy.

You will have the opportunity to review and comment on:

- Levels of access, harvest, renewal and tending activities;
- Preferred harvest areas and areas which could be reasonably harvested during the ten-year plan term;
- The analysis done of alternative corridors for each new primary road for the next twenty years.

Your comments and input will help us develop balanced and well informed decisions as we continue with the planning process. Any additional background information that you can provide us with would be greatly appreciated.

How to Get Involved

A summary of the long-term management direction, which includes a map summarizing proposed harvest areas and primary road corridors, has been prepared and is available for review on request. As well, values maps, which provide information such as fish and wildlife habitat features (e.g. trout lakes, heronries), park zoning and park facilities as well as many other features on the Algonquin Park Forest, are available upon request.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team at the Ontario Parks/MNR Office in Pembroke, by **April 15, 2009**.

The plan is being prepared by the following planning team members:

Gordon Cumming, RPF, Plan Author/Co-Chair, AFA
Joe Yaraskavitch, RPF, Park Forester/Co-Chair, Ontario Parks
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Keith Fletcher, RPF, Area Forester, AFA
Nancy Young, FMP Project Forester, Ontario Parks
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Brad Steinberg, Park Biologist, Ontario Parks
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Francis McDermott, Shabot Obaadijwan Algonquins

The planning team members, the Park Superintendent, and the LCC are available during the planning process to meet and discuss your interests and concerns.

A formal issue resolution process, as described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual* (2004), can be initiated upon written request. A summary of all comments collected throughout the planning process will be made available to the public in a summary form during the planning process and for the duration of the approved ten-year plan.

Stay Involved

In addition to this opportunity to review, there are three other formal opportunities for you to be involved, tentatively scheduled as follows:

Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Information Centre: Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan
Inspection of MNR-Approved Forest Management Plan

June 1 – 12, 2009
October 1 – 10, 2009
February 1, 2010

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch at 613-732-5550.

The general information regarding the FMP process as well as the information described in this notice will be available at the AFA office in Huntsville and at the Ontario Parks offices in Pembroke and Whitney during normal office hours for a period of thirty (30) days: **March 16 – April 15, 2009**. As well, an appointment with the Algonquin Park Superintendent or with a planning team member during non-business hours may be made by calling 613-732-5550.

For more information, please contact:

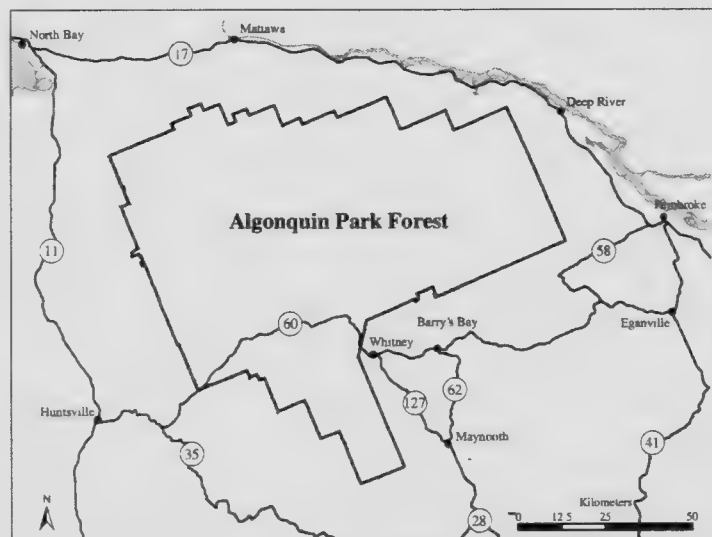
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BYELECTION Advance polls are busy

More than 6,300 voters took advantage of last week's advance polls to help choose Laurie Scott's replacement in the March 5 byelection.

In an effort to make the voting process more efficient and accessible, Elections Ontario piloted vote tabulators equipped with ballot-marking devices during advance polls. This technology allows electors with disabilities to mark their ballots independently, and will be used to count advance poll ballots at the close of voting on Election Day.

"The number of advance poll users suggests that the people of Ontario want a system that is flexible and responsive as well as secure," says Greg Essensa, Ontario's chief electoral officer. "Advance polls are a convenient option for the many Ontarians who wish to vote but are unable to do so on Election Day, and the vote tabulator we piloted represents another tool to make the process easier and more accessible to electors in Ontario."

Election Day for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is Thursday March 5. Polls are open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Know the results March 5

The Haliburton County Echo will have a team of reporters and photographers in Lindsay on Thursday night to provide constant coverage throughout the evening.

The election results will be posted on our website

that night. Go to www.haliburtonecho.ca

■ Minor hockey in Haliburton

Glen Dart memorial tournament returns

250 players will participate in the year-end event at the Dysart arena

WADE MACINNES

Special to the Echo

Sadly over the years traditions change, such as the Hockey Night In Canada song, which I am still very upset about. Thankfully some traditions don't change. In 1952 one of the longest running minor hockey tournaments in Canada was started in Haliburton in the memory of a local hockey hero Glen Dart and it returns to the Dysart arena this weekend.

Originally the year-end tourney pitted local hockey teams from the surrounding communities like Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Kinmount, West Guilford and, yes, even Eagle Lake. Over the years this wonderful memorial hockey tournament has transformed with the times.

Prior to the millennium it became the year-end tourney for the travelling Huskies house league or tri-county teams which at every age group invited an opponent for a one game show-down. Upon completion, regardless of the score, both teams received a lunch and a Glen Dart Puck Award with smiles. For many years, and to this day, these awards are still handcrafted by Haliburton's own friendly giant, Grant Rae, along with some help from his grandsons Matt and Jon. Rae and his grandsons have also played in the Glen Dart, Grant long before we had TV.

The pucks for the trophies are donated by G.J. Burtch Construction and Haliburton Timbr-Mart supplies the clear pine. Thanks to all.

Jumping forward to the present, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association (Haliburton/Minden) has vowed to carry on this great tradition. The Glen Dart tourney of today is the year-end gala for the more than 250 young hockey players who play in the Storm's county

house league. All the county league players from Tim-Bit to Midget receive a lunch, a couple of hockey games, a puck trophy and a whole lotta fun.

Talking about changing with the times, there is an all-girls team in the county league's intermediate division competing against the boys. (Chicks with sticks, a dangerous combination!) Boys beware!

Over the past 56 years the Glen Dart tournament has had a lot of great volunteers such as Ab LaRue, Lenny Salvatori, Carol Stamp, Claude Parish, Rick Wood, Paul Wilson, and Bob McNaull to name a few. Lots of local guys have played in the Glen Darts such as Joe Iles, Lenny Salvatori, George Nicholls, Mark Schell Sr. and Jr., Scotty LaRue, Jim Scheffee, Mark Scheffee, Rick Bain, Chris Carroll, Bob Woodcock, Lewis Dumitt, Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene to name a few. They all have fond memories about this beloved tourney including myself.

Glen Dart's son Roger, along with his wife Debbie

and children Lauren and Devon (who also played in it) should be highly commended for their years of support. The Darts usually drop by the tourneys to hand out awards or just to catch a few fun hockey games. Awesome commitment.

The Highland Storm would like to thank the Dart family along with all the volunteers present (Rob Meyers, Paul Longo, David Bretzlaff and company) and the past 55 years volunteers in keeping this incredible local Hockey tournament an annual tradition for the kids of Haliburton County. Thank You!

This year's Glen Dart tournament starts Friday, March 6 with the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. followed by four games. It continues all day Saturday, March 7 with games from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. I encourage all the people of Haliburton County to come out and cheer on the kids in our community. They love big loud crowds!

There is no gate fee.



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Public Notice

Approved 2009-2010 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

Public Inspection of Annual Work Schedule

Ontario Parks (MNR) has approved Algonquin Forestry Authority's (AFA) 2009-2010 annual work schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest as of March 16, 2009. The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Pembroke District MNR office (Algonquin Park section), the Whitney Park office, the AFA offices in Huntsville and Pembroke, and the MNR public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 16, 2009.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest management activities such as harvesting, road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur on the Algonquin Park Forest between April 2009 and March 2010. MNR has reviewed the AWS to ensure that activities are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plan. This is the last year of the 2005 Forest Management Plan.

Once forestry activities are complete, operational (tertiary) roads are decommissioned through water crossing removals and other access control measures. Beyond Park access points all forest access roads are closed to the general public.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

For further information about tree planting jobs on the management unit or obtaining fuelwood, please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below).

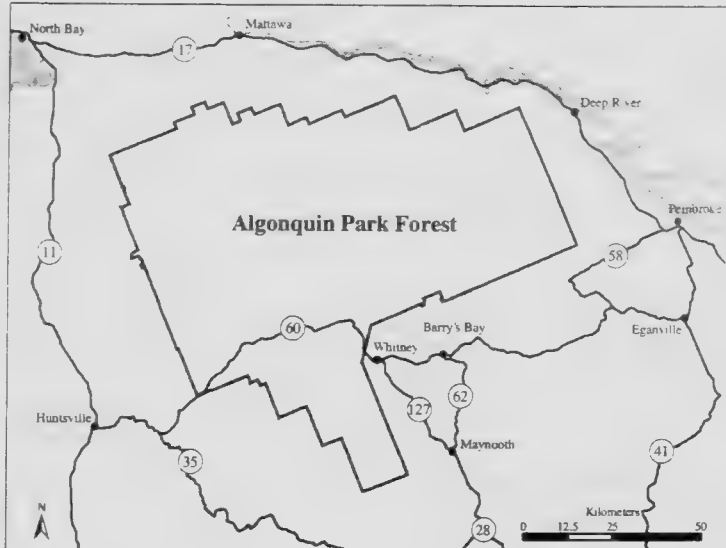
More Information

The approved AWS and any subsequent revisions will remain available for public inspection throughout the one-year duration of the AWS. For more information on the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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Local hockey hero is remembered in the Glen Dart Memorial Tournament which returns to the Dysart arena this weekend.

Highland Storm Pee Wee face Tavistock in semi-final

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After taking out Campbellford and Wasaga Beach the Highland Storm Pee Wee AE now faces Tavistock in provincial semi-final. The first to collect three wins in the best-of-five series wins a ticket to the big dance. Games one and two were played in Tavistock February 28 and March 1 and that series is tied 1-1. Game three goes in Minden Friday, March 6 at 8 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena. See tomorrow's Minden Times for a profile of the Pee Wee Highlands Storm's lone female player Julia Fedeski.

HHSS Curlers capture Kawartha champs

The HHSS boys curling team is the Kawartha champion for the third year in a row. Connor Duhaime, Curtis Nichol, Jesse Walker, and Owen Duhaime travelled to Fenelon Falls February 17, 23, and 25 and faced Norwood, St. Peter's, and Holy Cross in competition.

The boys made easy work of Norwood defeating them 9-3 after eight ends. Haliburton then edged out St. Peter's 6-5 after eight ends, and took care of Holy Cross 8-1 after only four ends.

As Kawartha champions the boys' advance to COSSA in Bancroft on March 9 where they'll take on three more teams in a round-robin tournament. Only the top

team advances to OFSAA.

HHSS Nordic ski team competes at OFSAA

The Red Hawks Nordic ski team is back from OFSAA, held in Midland February 25 to 27. The Red Hawks returned without medals but gave everything they had to the competition.

As expected junior boys' Josh Wright, who hadn't raced his best at the COSSA race at Glebe Park, managed the best result finishing 32nd of 147 racers.

His older brother, Dan, finished in the top half of the senior boys division, 73rd of 154 racers.

Maddie Ferracuti and Claire Flatman represented the senior girls team. Maddie placed 45th and Claire placed 67th out of 148 racers.

Head coach Sharon Dibblee said race conditions were good, the looming rain held off, and the crowd was very supportive of all skiers.

HHSS hockey season ends

Hockey is over for another season for the Red Hawks as the boys lost 4-2 against Thomas A. Stewart from Peterborough. "We just didn't play as well as we did on Monday," said defenseman Matt Rae. The Red Hawks had quite a successful year overall and the young and talented core of players promises positive outcomes for next year's team.

Red Hawks are soaring

Ranked 2nd at COSSA

PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Echo

Seven local athletes are going to the all-Ontario championships after the HHSS wrestling team did exceptionally well at the 2009 COSSA wrestling championships in Belleville last week. Haliburton athletes had an outstanding day with 11 wrestlers finishing in the top four of their weight classes. With both men's and women's team points totalled, the Red Hawks ranked second among 27 COSSA schools. This is the best overall performance ever by our high school wrestling team, trailing the team champions and wrestling powerhouse Lindsay C.V.I. by only seven points.

Congratulations to the entire team for a solid group effort resulting with an excellent team ranking.

Dedication to the sport and hard work at practices paid huge dividends for our wrestlers. Several Red Hawks had their best matches of the season to earn wins throughout the day. Lily Coneybeare (57.5 kg) and Jon Pawson (89 kg) each had four gruelling matches to rank a respectable fourth place in their divisions.

With a record of three wins and one loss, Nicole Mazara (44 kg) earned third place in her weight class. With this effort, she was able to challenge the second-place finisher for a chance to advance to OFSAA. She narrowly lost the challenge match in a gritty effort.

In men's action, veteran wrestler Harley Foulds posted a 3-and-1 record to place third in the extremely competitive 72 kg weight class.

Seven Haliburton wrestlers went undefeated in the preliminary rounds to advance to the championship match. Sasha White (54 kg) lost in the final, earning the silver medal, but later lost a challenge match that denied her the opportunity to advance



Gold medalist Karl Kadwell scores a point in his first match at the COSSA championships in Belleville.

Photo submitted by Paul Klose

to OFSAA. In the women's 57.5 kg class, Mikaela Charlebois lost in the final to Andrea Wakelin, last year's OFSAA silver medalist, 2008 Winter Games champion, and bronze medalist at the national cadet championships. Mikaela's shining glory came in the semi-finals, where she out-wrestled Grade 12 wrestler Harper Bauer from Centennial S.S. in a huge upset.

HHSS finished the day with five COSSA champions. Mike Mazara (41 kg) continued to dominate his weight class as he has all season to bring home the gold. Teammates Justin Bain (95 kg) and Cody Griffin (64 kg) also posted perfect records to capture golds. Red Hawk honours go to Cody for his championship battle in what was arguably the toughest match of the tournament. Each wrestler won a round to force a third deciding round. Through sheer grit and desire to win, Cody won the match in the final 30 seconds. Coaches Fockler and Klose are proud to stand in his corner.

Senior wrestlers Christianna Walker (54 kg) and Karl Kadwell (83 kg) lead the women's and men's teams with impressive wins at the tournament. By bringing home the gold, both Walker and Kadwell earned their second consecutive COSSA championship. Six Red Hawk wrestlers have earned a berth to the OFSAA wrestling championships in Brampton, Ontario on March 4 to 6, 2009. Good luck to Mike, Justin, Mikaela, Cody, Christianna and Karl as training continues to wrestle with the best in Ontario.

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1. Local News: Feb. 27, 2009

Wilberforce fights to keep its school

After 100 years, the school is facing a future uncertain as the town considers a new site for the building.

Changes to water act may open floodgates to development: groups

Local groups are concerned that the new act will open up flood-prone areas to development.

Concentrating on having fun

The team is focused on enjoying the season while competing at a high level.

Echo and Times up for 11 awards

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Alex Muenzel carves hard toe side on her way to a fourth place overall finish and a spot on the A Team heading to OFSAA March 4.

■ From COSSA to OFSAA

Snowboarders seek OFSAA medals

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After the Red Hawks snowboard team captured the Kawartha championships two weeks ago at Sir Sam's Ski Area, the team prevailed as COSSA champions and is now hoping for provincial triumph at OFSAA March 4.

On February 26, Sir Sam's hosted the

COSSA championships. With such fantastic participation, about 30 students, coaches Caley Sisson and Phil Dulong made three teams: A, B, and C, A being the fastest.

Team A's Madison Rallis was fastest among the boys on the day, beating his closest competitor by nearly half a second. And smooth gliding through the gates helped Mark Perecko of Team B team finish sixth overall, securing him a spot on

the A team for OFSAA.

Team A racers Jeff Fennel, Brett Hicks, and Alex Vassos will go to OFSAA with Mark and Madison.

Ariah Boots was second fastest amongst the girls at COSSA, cruising down the

course twice in 53.87 seconds. Another surprise boarder was Team B's Holly Wu. Her sixth overall time of 58.20 seconds secured her spot in OFSAA along with Team A riders Christianna Walker, Alex Muenzel, and Tiffany vanLieshout.



Jeff Fennel crouches low at the last gate before the finish line at COSSA. His time of 54:50 was good enough for fourth overall and a spot with four other Haliburton riders heading to OFSAA.



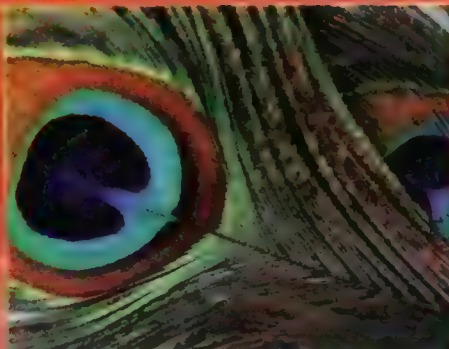
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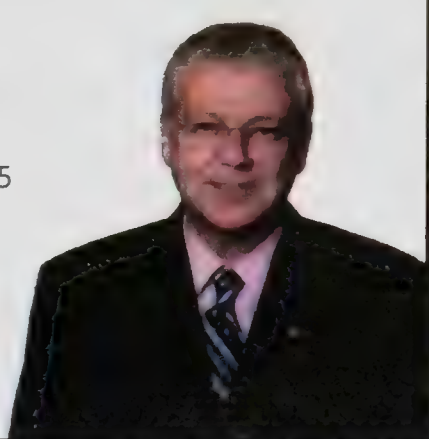
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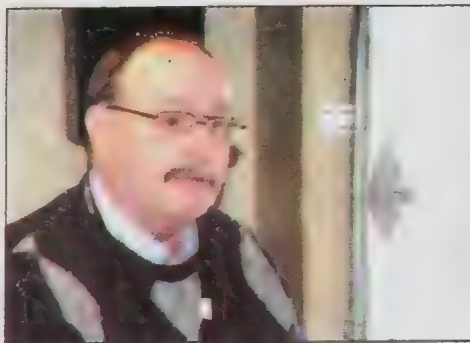
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County Warden Dave Burton told the Senior Games selection committee that Haliburton was the "place to be" in 2011.

County 'makes things happen'

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in an attempt to get the Ontario Junior Summer Games, but lost out to Sudbury.

Many local games winners came to the reception, including Haliburton residents and gold medalists in bridge Winnie and Jack Cox; prediction walking champ Ev Stata; swimming silver medalist Aileen Bruce; euchre champs Larry and Lillian

Mattson; and bronze-medal cross-country skier Ralph Mintz from Ingoldsby.

"We're a county of people and we make things happen like no one else can do," Jaycock said, closing the reception.

"I think our Haliburton Frost Fest, our Minden Winterfest, Snowball up in Dorset this past weekend, they're absolutely outstanding events – events for the whole family, in those instances – but it's volun-

teers that make those things work and we have a county full of people that have the energy, have the vision to make it happen," he said.

"There are so many incredible individuals [in the county] with a rich heritage of backgrounds that makes this sort of event not only feasible, but guaranteed to be a success," he said.



JENN WATT/Echo

Prediction walking champ, Ev Stata, and silver medalist swimmer Aileen Bruce, support having the Ontario Senior Winter Games in Haliburton in 2011.

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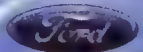
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Jaguars tackle prey in semi-finals

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jaguars continue to have a great year in sports. The girls' volleyball team made it to the semi-finals in the district tournament in late January — the furthest the school's girls volleyball team has ever gone.

With coaches Eva Griffith and Laura Scheffee, the girls travelled to Lindsay and battled hard in the round robin. The team was required to win two of three games in order to advance.

The girls beat Woodville and Dunsford, but not without a little drama. The last game against Dunsford went to a nail-biting tie-breaker. The Jaguars won, earning a spot in the semi-finals.

Team captain Sandy Griffith and her positive leadership kept the team fired up throughout the tournament. In the semi-finals JDH was defeated by a tough team from Langton, who would go on to win the tournament.

"All players put their best volleyball skills to work to succeed," said coach Griffith.

This was the first time the team advanced to the semi finals. The girls earned the right to play in Lindsay after placing second in the zone tournament at JDHES. Only the top two teams at zone advanced to the district event.

The J. Douglas Hodgson girls volleyball team made it to the semi-final of the county tournament, the furthest the girls' team has ever gone.
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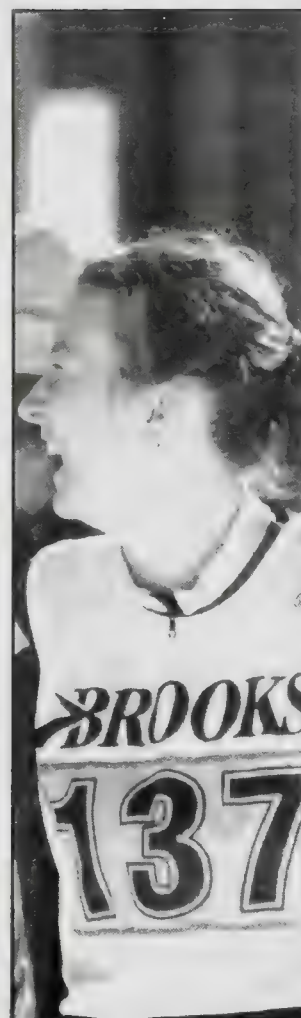
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Pregnant women want local delivery option

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to pursue," said the hospital's CEO, Paul Rosebush.

On February 17, the clinical services plan was released to the public with 28 recommendations for hospitals in the Central East LHIN region, stretching from Haliburton County to Scarborough. The idea is to create "one acute care network" that will allow for greater safety through concentrations of expertise across the region.

Because Haliburton Hospital delivers between eight and 14 babies a year and because only Bottum is making those deliveries, the committee was "uncomfortable" with allowing the situation to continue.

At the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board meeting on Thursday, one member of the committee, Dr. Rob Drury, an obstetrician from Lindsay, explained how the recommendation was made.

"It came down to issues of professional sustainability. Recognizing the service that is presently being provided in Haliburton there was obviously concerns that there was only one physician providing the service. I don't care how wonderful or how committed an individual it is, it's not a 24/7 capability, so it meant that there were times that service did not have the luxury of a physician," Drury said.

He also said that because there aren't enough nurses with training in deliveries and no capability for caesarian section surgeries, it is too risky to deliver babies in Haliburton.

During the meeting, chief of staff Dr. Steve Ferracuti raised issue with the suggestion that quality of care is less in Haliburton than in Scarborough or other large centres.

"The philosophy of the medical group has always been that we support our colleagues in practising obstetrics with the understanding that women are going to arrive in labour and it is better for us to have somebody who is maintaining their obstetrical skills, albeit a low volume basis, but at least on a regular basis," Dr. Ferracuti told board members.

He asked Drury whether there were

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other remote towns in Canada that didn't do obstetrics.

"There are certainly a number of facilities ... that are 200 to 300 kilometres from where they have to go. What those [medical] organizations do ... they also build a community structure around how are we going to support the woman and the family to get there and depending on the reality of the geography. Some organizations have set it up in such a fashion that the woman and the family actually move to the next community, a week or 10 days prior to the due date. The community actually provides support to the family," Drury responded.

Ketha Newman, an expectant mother, laughed at the suggestion that she and her husband would be put up in a Peterborough hotel waiting for her baby to come.

"What about people who are due in February, what if there's a snowstorm? Can people really afford to go down and wait for one or two weeks potentially in Pembroke or Peterborough in case they go into labour? Who's going to cover that, OHIP?" she said in an interview.

Newman is a patient of the local midwife, Weeks-Toth, and plans to deliver her baby at Haliburton Hospital. She lives near Maynooth and said she chose Haliburton as the hospital to give birth in because it was 45 minutes from her home versus the Peterborough facility, which takes two hours to get to.

"I was actually pretty excited about that because I thought that was a great solution for me," Newman said.

This will be her second child, and judging by how things went last time she had a baby, Newman isn't sure she would make it to Peterborough if Haliburton's unit was closed.

"My labour could be fairly quick. Considering what my last one was like, how am I going to gauge whether to get there on time? For instance, in the summer the traffic's very heavy on Highway 28 and I

don't want to have to worry about being on the road and having to stop at the side of the highway or something," she said.

Newman was unconcerned about having a child in a small, rural hospital – even though her first one was in Toronto.

"I think a big part of your whole care that you get before pregnancy, your midwife or your obstetrician is going to know and be fairly confident in predicting whether you're going to be able to deliver safely," she said.

Bottum echoed those thoughts, saying that he is able to advise women to go to another hospital well before the due date if it looks like the birth is going to be difficult.

"Babies are compromised all the time – that is usually identified before delivery and many of them do deliver in secondary or tertiary centres, so they deliver in Peterborough or Orillia or downtown Toronto," he said.

In the 21 years that Bottum has been delivering babies in Haliburton there have been no deaths of mothers or children, he said.

When Dr. Bob Heyes first began working in the county 100 babies were delivered a year. Twenty years ago, when Bottum started, about 30 babies were born a year. Demographics of the area have made that number drop slowly over the years to present numbers.

But the volume could go up again if Bottum and Weeks-Toth worked together. Between the two of them, the number of

births in the county could be 20 or higher.

According to the region's health unit, in 2007, 78 Haliburton County residents gave birth – though the vast majority decided to go elsewhere to deliver.

Bottum said he is happy with the prospect of working with Weeks-Toth, and in fact had been talking with her long before the study by the clinical services plan committee started.

"We have talked and we're planning on working collaboratively for the next while anyway. She needs to have some backup in the area. It's my hope that if I'm not in town, I'd have someone to provide backup," he said.

Weeks-Toth is currently undergoing the credential process to get privileges to use the obstetrics unit at the hospital for her clients.

Although Rosebush said he's excited about the new model combining the two birth experts, it is still in the planning stages and has not received approval from the LHIN. Over the next few weeks there is a community feedback period, with two public forums, where Rosebush wants to hear from residents about the plan.

After that, the HHHS board will draft its proposal and send it to the LHIN for approval.

There will be a meeting in Haliburton on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the HHHS boardroom. On Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. there will be another meeting at the Minden Hospital in its boardroom.

To get further information on the meetings, call 457-2527. For more information on the clinical services report and to give feedback, go to www.centraleastlin.on.ca and click on "clinical services plan" on the left side. You can also call 1-866-804-5446.

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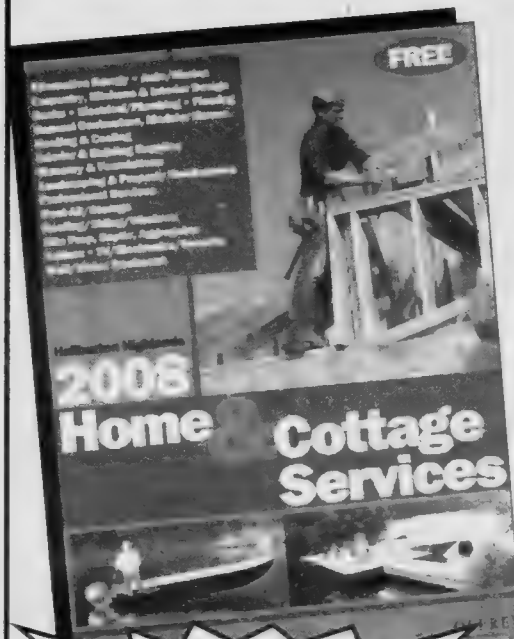
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Healthcare staff walk across Canada five times

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Staff Reporter

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They are the staff members of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services who participated in 10,000 Steps, a workplace health initiative.

Of the 230 total staff members at HHHS, 70 per cent volunteered to sign up for the friendly competition. A total of 14 teams and 145 people went on to record their steps with the help of pedometers for eight weeks, ending with a thank-you gathering on February 2 at the Haliburton hospital.

"I'm really impressed and happy with the turnout," said 10,000 Steps organizer Kevin Penney.

Co-organizer Amanda Hamilton agrees

that the number of participants for the first time event was a pleasant surprise.

"It's amazing how many people participated," she said.

The Tour de Haliburton, as it was also known, was based on a 240 km loop around the county, part of the goal to see how many times the loop could be completed, which in the end was 159 times.

At the end of each week prizes went to the top steppers.

"It's a great initiative that our physio [therapy] department did," said Debbie Watson, the Haliburton site manager of patient care and 10,000 Steps participant.

"It's a good initiative for the winter time," added participant Laraine Shine.

Penney says the overall goal was to promote health in the workplace and to have a little fun.

"We hope this can be a regular event."

The top three teams are the Walkalots, Whistling Walkers and Step To Its.

The top steppers are Trish Aggett 1,311,394 steps; Carol Holmes 1,278,541 steps; Nancy Sanford 1,245,140 steps.



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Participants of 10,000 Steps sit and chat at the thank-you luncheon to celebrate workplace health and indulge in a piece of cake after all their hard stepping.

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Curlers play hard all weekend long

Ten teams participated in a mixed bonspiel at the Wilberforce curling club on Friday evening and all day Saturday, February 27 and 28.

This spiel is now known as the Jim Donovan Memorial Bonspiel. Jim was very active at the club including playing in several leagues for a number of years. Jim's family has generously donated a trophy in his memory. Family members including daughter Shelagh (Donovan) White of London, Ontario, son Sean of Ajax and adult grandchildren were on hand to present the trophy. Very happy to accept it were members of the winning team Josef Martinek, Russ Spidle, Nadia Martinek and Kathlene Spidle. They scored 50.75 points. Congratulations to them.

Hot on their heels with 50.50 points were Ron Reeves, Dianne Rose, Dave Wamsley and Marsha Reeves. In third spot was the team of George Waugh, Angie Jeans, Al Jeans and Gerri Waugh with 38 points. Tammy Vaughan's crew of Chris Hughes, Wynne Agnew and Brent Stagg was very competitive and came fourth with 34.50 points. They were closely followed by the Ron Barr team of Robert McIvor, Ann McIvor and Elaine Anderson with 32.50 points. The other five teams played hard and well.

Thanks to Joe and Nadia Martinek who convened this bonspiel. Appreciation is

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also extended to all who volunteered in so many ways to make the tournament a success. This was a "bring a prize, win a prize" bonspiel so the awards time was great fun as teams in turn chose their awards.

Family and friends of the late Keith Tallman came out in great numbers to pay their respects to this well-known citizen. They came to the funeral home in Haliburton Tuesday evening and to the Lloyd Watson Centre on Ash Wednesday. Keith died peacefully in hospital in Peterborough on Sunday, February 22, 2009.

The funeral service was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre, a place of which Keith was very proud.

The Rev. Maggie Milne led the service which included the singing of The Lord Is My Shepherd, prayers, Psalm 139 and readings from Corinthians and Matthew. Robert Tallman delivered a fine eulogy by Murray Fearrey who was unable to attend. Murray remembered Keith's long service to the municipalities of Monmouth, Highlands East and Haliburton County and

their association for many years.

Granddaughter Kim Ballantyne and grandson Logan Krupa related fond memories of their grandfather and his influence on them. Reeve Dave Burton spoke on behalf of the Highlands East and the county.

After a final viewing of a family slideshow the Rev. Milne delivered a comforting message. The congregation sang Amazing Grace. The service closed with prayers and the commendation.

Family and friends joined in a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service.

Sympathy is extended to Keith's wife Sylvia, family Judy (Lyle) McCracken, Gail (Ray) Krupa, Robert and Phillip, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother Ernie (Elaine), sister Jean Wood and all of his family and friends.

The Rev. Anne Moore led the service at St. Margaret's Church on Sunday, March 1 as she begins her ministry in the Anglican Parish of Haliburton. Welcome Rev. Moore. May your ministry here and at St. George's Haliburton be long, happy and fulfilling.

The World Day of Prayer service this year is being hosted by the Wilberforce United Church. It will be Friday, March 6 beginning at 2 p.m. All are welcome to this service which is being held at churches around the world on this first Friday of March as it has for many years.



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Since the launch of their petition last June, Canadian grandmothers have collected signatures from more than 31,000 concerned citizens. In Haliburton County approximately 400 people signed onto the petition.

The Grandmothers' petition calls upon the Canadian government to keep promises already made. They say Canada has failed to live up to its promise, endorsed in 2004 by all parties in Parliament, allowing generic drug manufacturers to send a steady supply of affordable, life-saving medicines to Africa.

The petition calls for Parliament to amend Canada's

Access to Medicines Regime making it easier for Canadian generic drug manufacturers to export drugs to Africa, thereby saving the lives of millions of people.

The petition also asks the Canadian government to pay its fair share to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and malaria.

The petition will mark International Women's Day on March 8, and the third anniversary of the call by Stephen Lewis to Canadian women to come together in support of African grandmothers.

More than 200 grandmother groups from Victoria to Halifax are working in their local communities to raise funds and awareness about the plight of African grandmothers and orphans.

Over the past two years the Haliburton Highlands Grandmothers to Grandmothers group has raised more than \$17,000 while nationally, grandmothers have contributed more than \$4 million to projects in Africa.



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HHSS student Kevin Alcock of Halls Lake takes a break from his marshalling duties with the high school's Nordic ski team at Glebe Park in mid-February. The big hill at the entrance of the park is a great place to do some tobogganing.

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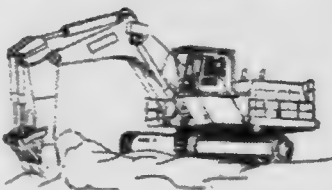
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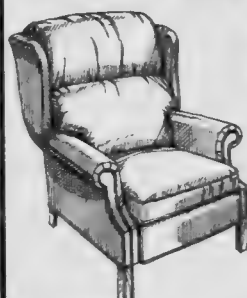
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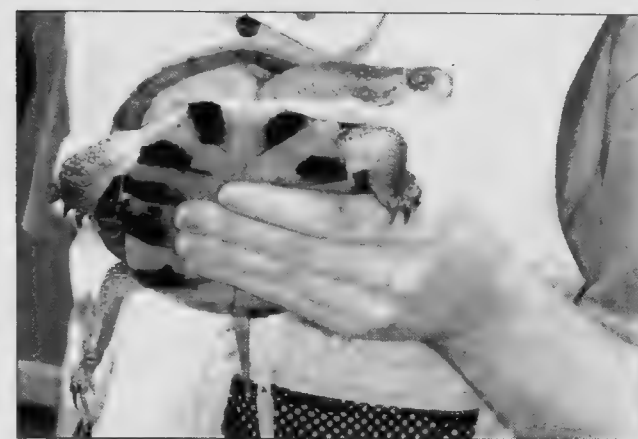
Species at Risk journal shows number of sightings have increased

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust will launch its new Species at Risk Journal on March 18 at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m. This will precede a Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists meeting on "Sounds of Spring" by Thom Lambert.

The Journal is the result of research by the local land trust on species at risk in Haliburton County. This research was generously funded by the Ministry of Natural

Resources' Species at Risk Stewardship Fund, 2007-08 and 2008-09. Many individuals in the county reported their sightings of species at risk to the land trust and Paul Heaven, a biologist and ecological consultant, spent countless hours in the field trying to verify their presence. Leora Berman, manager of the Land Between, and Ed Poropat also contributed to the fieldwork.

As a result of everyone's work, the land trust was able to raise the number of documented species at risk sightings in Haliburton County from 75 to 182. This represents an increase of 142 per cent. Knowing what is out there



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helps the land trust formulate a natural heritage strategy and helps the public to learn more about the rich ecological diversity in Haliburton County.

The Journal describes the 13 Species at Risk in Haliburton County. There are great colour photos of each species combined with information on the species status in Ontario, habitat preferences and threats to survival.

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Population boom hits Guilford

Congratulations to Darryl Harrison and Brittany Jeffery on the birth of their baby boy, Brody William Chase Harrison, on February 23, 2009. He is the great-grandson of Geraldine Harrison and the late Keith Harrison and grandson of Ron Reigus and Heather Jeffery.

Congratulations to Susan Norcross on becoming a grandmother for the first time, to Marshall

John Love. He was born on February 24, 2009, at 8 lbs, 11 oz, to Scott and April Love at the Guelph Hospital. His length of 22 inches looks well

for a healthy young athlete!

February 28 could not have turned out better for the annual Snow Shuffle from the centre. Sunny, clear weather was kind to the 180 riders who registered. Dinner and dance were very well attended. The grand prize of \$2,470 was won by Craig Lagace for obtaining the high cards in the poker run.

Ann McIvor and Ron Bain were highest scorers at the centre's euchre on Tuesday evening with Pearl Kernohan and Al Mahaffey coming in lowest. Most lone hands were won by Jean Randell and Robert McIvor. This weekly event continues in popularity when attendance comes to 10 tables of cards.

World Day of Prayer is hosted by Maple Lake United Church at 2 p.m. on Friday,

March 6 for Eagle Lake, West Guilford, Carnarvon, and Maple Lake residents. In the evening St. George's Anglican Church hosts the same event at 7 p.m. The United Churches of Haliburton and Ingoldsby, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church as well as the Anglican Parish join for this service. Other denominations are of course welcome to come. The topic of unity will be

addressed by Carol Kilby, former United Church minister, Marion Sedgwick who was a nurse in Papua, New Guinea will speak and display artifacts from that country. The service was written by the people of Papua, New Guinea.

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Lisa and Lindsay Dunn's parents, Sherry and Keith McLennon of Carnarvon, hosted a party at Stanhope Firehall on February 28 to celebrate their twin daughters' 16th birthday. Mark Perecko provided musical entertainment for about 40 guests who arrived for the special occasion. Ian Dunn was from Dorset was also present.

Thanks to Bill Burden for allowing the canvassing on Saturday at the store for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A total of \$519.09 was raised.

On Sunday, March 1, St. David's Day (of Wales) we welcomed Pastor Anne Moore. She will serve as pastor to both St. Margaret's and St. George's.

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278



NOTICE (Applicant - GISBORNE)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF TAMARACK LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the *Municipal Procedures*, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Tuesday, the 14th day of APRIL, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 25, Concession 3, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by C T Strongman, O.L.S., dated October 17, 2008.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 24th day of February, 2009.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO CLERK/CEMC
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Notices



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

Roads Department
Box 880,

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Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

LOAD RESTRICTIONS

As per By-Law #2216, County Roads #'s 1 to 20, 39, 48, 507 and 648, shall be posted and enforced for five tonne per axle load restrictions as soon as conditions warrant and signs have been erected.

The actual date of reduced load limit enforcement will be in effect when and where signs are posted. All annual permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any County Roads during the Load Restriction Period.

Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Doug Ray
Director of Public Works



Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389,
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0

Telephone: (705) 457-1740 Fax: (705) 457-1964

Email: info@dysartetal.ca Website: www.dysartetal.ca

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF COLOURED DIESEL FUEL AND FURNACE OIL

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for the supply of coloured diesel fuel and furnace oil effective May 1st, 2009 – April 30th, 2011.

Tender Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, 2009.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al will be conducting a public meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. to consider the proposed amendments to various Fees and Charges.

The amendments pertain to the following fees:

Driveway Entrance Permits
Arena Ice Rental Rates
Ball Diamond Rental Rates
Road Damage Re-inspection Fees
Building Permit Fees
Sewage Service Rates

Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca, or at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON, K0M 1S0.



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Bids to be submitted by Friday, March 20, 2009 no later than 3:00 p.m. to:

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Purchasing Department, Room 423
599 Brealey Drive,
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Attn: Cindy English

REF# HAL09-01

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VIEWING ONLY ON THURSDAY, March 12th, 2009.

Viewing Contact: Shelley Schell (705) 457-1680 x. 6730
Location: Haliburton Campus, 297 College Drive,
Haliburton, Ontario
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Cindy English, (705) 749-5520, Ext 1608 or Shelley Schell, (705) 457-1680 Ext 6730.

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Shrove Tuesday tradition

St. George's Anglican Church volunteers prepared a Shrove Tuesday dinner for about 400 pancake lovers on February 24 at the Haliburton Legion. The dinner's been a church tradition for 70 years. It started when church volunteers cooked the dinner at the Austin house and served it across the street at the Town Hall. The church social helps raise money for the church's various programs. Photos by Matt James

Photos clockwise from left: Diners had lots of homemade pies to choose from.

Bill Tarlton smothers his pancakes in local maple syrup.

Curtis Eastmoe pours Susan Nicholson a coffee.

Gary Burk, foreground, and John Postlethwaite keep the pancakes coming.

Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call Laura or Sarah at 457-1037

Stanhope Soccer League Registration



Tuesday, March 17, 2009

from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

and

Saturday, March 28, 2009 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Boys and Girls

Ages 5-14 as of June 16, 2009

Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall, North Shore Road, Carnarvon

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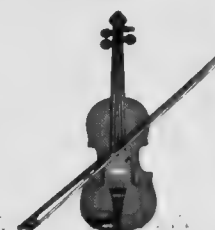
Join us for one or both concerts at WINTER FOLK CAMP -YMCA WANAKITA

Friday March 6: Ryan Dawson,
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Saturday March 7: Cass Marie and the Black Feather Band
Thom Lambert, Anne Lindsay and Jason Fowler

Doors open at 7:30pm - Show at 8:00pm
Tickets \$25.00 or 2 for \$40.00 call 754-9873

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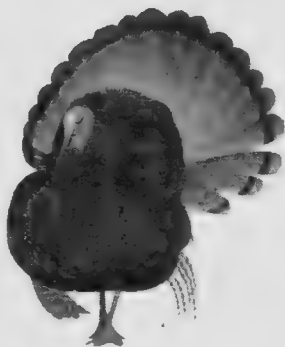
Wild Game Dinner

Come and try out some wild game at the Haliburton Legion Br #129, on Saturday, March 7.

Lots of variety. Auction and dance included. Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 per couple are available at the hatchery 457-9664 or Bruce's Barber Shop.

Doors open at 5 p.m., cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7.

For more information visit www.hhoa.on.ca.



To advertise your upcoming event,
call Laura or Sarah at 457-1037

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It's Sugaring Off Time!

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Dinner & Tunes Friday, March 6th



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Dinner from 5:30

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community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

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Go to the Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

Having an event
this summer?
List it for free in our
Summer Guide!
2009SummerGuide@gmail.com

- March 6: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 6: Haliburton County Folk Society presents Winter Folk Camp at the YMCA Wanikita. For more information see www.winterfolkcamp.com.
- March 6: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 is having it's Karaoke Night starting at 9 p.m. - All Welcomed to attend.
- March 8: Haliburton Trail Riders, Annual General Meeting, at Gooderham Recreation Centre – Join us at 10 a.m. If you ride a Dirt Bike, then you should attend. Applications for access to Somerville Forest and The Haliburton Rail Trail for Off Road Motorcycles have been submitted. There is a requirement for a local off road motorcycle club to handle trail maintenance and stewardship duties. A new club has been formed to address these needs by the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders. For more information contact Ken at the OFTR, ken@oftr.ca or 705-447-3110, www.oftr.ca
- March 9: From Lullabies to Literacy starts Mon. March 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Minden OEYC - For parents & children 0-6 years. Come for 6 relaxed afternoons to help your child to love books through activities, songs and stories. For more information or to register phone 286-4625 or with Point in Time at 457-5345 or email oeyparented@bellnet.ca Both the Minden OEYC and Haliburton OEYC will be open for regular hours during March Break for families with children 0 to 6 yrs old.
- March 12: OEYC Play and Learn visits the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce - The only visit in March will be on Mar. 12 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Families with children from 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a

message at 457-2989.

- March 13: Wilberforce Legion Branch #624 Birthday and Anniversary Pot Luck Celebration – Starting at 7 p.m. Jam Session to follow at 8 p.m. All Welcomed to attend.
- March 19: OEYC Play and Learn visits Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce – From 9:30 a.m. – noon. Families with children from 0-6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone Julie at 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.
- March 20: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12-1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ext 3.
- March 24: Have you had enough of winter? Join the Minden OEYC and go to the sunny south in March and learn to Hula dance and limbo! - Have fun dressing up as Hula dancers or sailing on the pirate ship. Please sign up for our Hawaiian Luau on the March 24. For more information please call 286-1770.
- March 25: Figure Out Food Labels Tour, Foodland Haliburton (188 Highland St) 1:30 p.m. - A Registered Dietitian with the Health Unit will help participants learn to read food labels and understand product claims. Take-home material provided. Free Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391, ext. 245.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Please reference the specific posting # in your cover letter.

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Closing date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Legion offers student bursaries

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Mel Smith

448-3680

This is a reminder to all young people planning on attending post-secondary education that it is time to consider applying to the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Charitable Foundation & Royal Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Ontario Command Bursary Assistance Program. Students may be granted a bursary based on documented need in the amount of \$500 per scholastic year.

This bursary is available to Canadian and commonwealth war veterans and their children and grandchildren,

and ordinary, life, associate and Ladies Auxiliary members of the Royal Canadian Legion and their children and grandchildren. Applications forms are available from secondary school guidance offices, awards offices of colleges and universities, provincial service bureau offices and Legion branches.

Applications are due the last Friday in March. Don't hesitate.

All anglers – get your trout lines untangled and get ready for a very special derby on March 21. Make plans to attend our first memorial lake trout derby for our fallen comrade Ken McFarlane. All are welcome to take part. Information to follow.

Don't forget to get your lucky tickets for Branch 624's gift certificate draw. Tickets are only \$2 each or three for \$5 and there are two great prizes. One for a \$150 gift certificate at Agnews' General Store and one for a \$150 gift certificate at Foodland. Draw date: April 11. What a fantastic draw and just before Easter too!

It is that unpleasant time of the year again. That time to gather up all your T4s and receipts and get ready for that much dreaded income tax time. Here is

some good news. A free income tax service will be available at the Legion from March 4 to April 22 every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m. This service is available to all Legion members, seniors and individuals with incomes less than \$30,000.

On Saturday, March 7 get your singing voices and musical instruments ready for our ever popular karaoke night. Don't be shy and come out and enjoy some great fun with other like-minded "wannabe" musical stars starting at 9 p.m. All are welcome.

For further information please call 448-2221.

On Sunday don't forget to gather up the family and come out to the Ladies' Auxiliary's popular Sunday morning breakfast. Time: 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Job Opportunity

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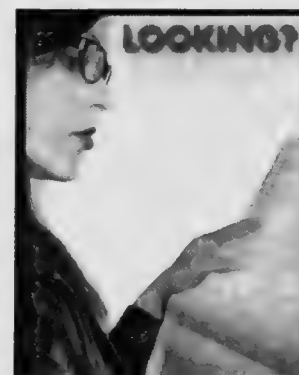


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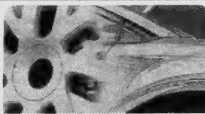
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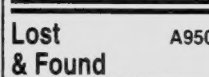
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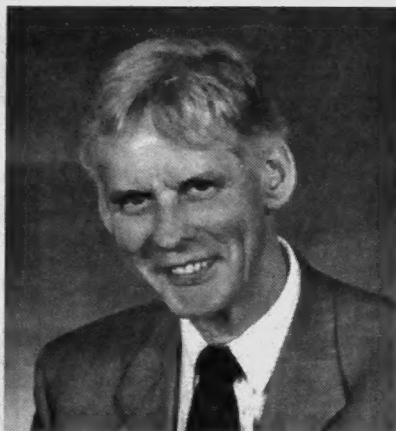
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Announcements

Deaths



Adrianus Jan "Art" van der Grient - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 surrounded by his loving family. Art is survived by his loving wife Nel of 55 years, by his daughters Elke and her husband Roland Zilla of Haliburton, and Annie Beattie of Fergus, by his grandchildren Caleb, Cassidy, Aaron, and Nicole (Roberto). Dear brother of Jan (Lenny), Wim (deceased), Pieter (Rinie), Ans (Cees), Netty (Jan), Lena, Betty (Wim), Arya (Henk), Roza (Ruud), Niek (Pieter), and Mario (Cara). Art is fondly remembered by his family and friends in Canada and Holland. Friends are invited to join the family for a Reception in Celebration of Art's Life at the Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd., Haliburton on Sunday, March 8, 2009 commencing at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P. O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

JOHNSTON, Sandra Ruth (nee Pearsell) - Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, February 22, 2009. In her 63rd year. Beloved wife of Jack Johnston, dear mother of Peggy Trueman and predeceased by infant son Carmen. Loving grandma to Adam, Mackenzie, Alex and Spencer. Dear sister of Lois Ann McColl, Donna Larter, and Jim Pearsell. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. A Private Family Service was held at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.

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In memoriam

Cowen, Alvin - In loving memory of my husband, who passed away March 6, 2008.

*Alone, but never quite alone
I face an empty chair;
But sometimes in the silence
I imagine he is there,
My companion for 52 years
No longer here with me,
And yet in some mysterious way
He keeps me company.
Loved always, Marjorie*

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*The joys that he missed
on life's highway.
May he find in God's garden of rest.*

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Card of thanks

Andris Suchovs



The Suchovs family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to a number of families. One in particular, the Shivjis. Andris was able to enjoy his last Christmas together with his immediate family thanks to the welcoming use of their home. A memory definitely cherished. The Mayhew's for their generous supply and stacking of wood, enough for the entire winter and then some. The Salvatori's for their dependable rides to Peterborough and to their support. To Marg Rideout and to Bill Martyn for their dedication in making sure Andris always attended his doctor's appointments, no matter the weather, time or distance. To the staff and clients of CIBC, for their genuine support and care during these past months. To Dr. Ferracuti and his outstanding nursing staff for their continuous, energetic care and affection. To the many, many others who have sent us flowers, donations, prayers, words of comfort, food, cards and telephone calls, we graciously Thank You.

We feel honoured to have met such an amazing amount of people in such a small community. To this, we wish to thank Andris most of all, for his insistence in moving his family to Haliburton.

Thank you
Logiann, Kyla & Karlis.

Card of thanks

In memoriam

Geraldine McElwain

Dear Mom,

I wonder what its like in heaven?

*I try to picture a much simpler place filled
with peace and beauty.*

Are there jobs in heaven?

*If there are I bet your a musician, singing like
an angel to many adoring fans, or maybe
your a nanny, caring for children while they
wait their parents arrival.*

*We are all doing good but missing you guys
every minute. Please give Steven a huge
hug and kiss for us, and please say hello to
everyone else who has touched our lives.*

Until we meet again

Loving you always,

Bill, Sandi, Willow & Gracie

11427082

In memoriam

Reil, Inez - In loving memory of a dear mother, mother in law, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother, who passed away February 17, 2008.

*Months have grown day by day,
Its now a year since she went away,
Thoughts are full and hearts do weigh,
Without her here to share the way,
Time may dull the hand of fate,
Memory forever recalls the date.*

Always remembered and forever loved.

Edward, Grenville, Lynn, Cheryl and Joe, Jeff and Robin, Tracy and Trevor, Tammie, Tiffany, Brittney, Alanna, Cody, and Logan.

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Obituaries

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Keith Tallman

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)



Peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday afternoon, February 22, 2009 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Sylvia Tallman (nee McKay). Loving father of Judy (Lyle McCracken) of Haliburton, Gail (Ray Krupa) of Bancroft, Robert of Peterborough and Phillip of Toronto. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kim, Jodi, Jake, Logan, Emma, Audrey and his great grandchildren Nichole, Tanner, Curtis and Owen. Dear brother of Ernie (Elaine) of Dorchester and his sister Jean Wood of Richmond Hill. Predeceased by his brothers Karl, Clarence, Harry and his sisters Edith, Pat, Beattie and Alma. Keith owned and operated Tallman Electric and was Reeve of Monmouth Township and served as Warden of Haliburton County.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday evening, February 24, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Then to the LLOYD WATSON COMMUNITY CENTRE 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario on Wednesday morning, February 25, 2009 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment later South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or St. Margaret's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family.

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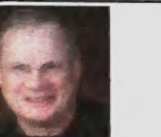


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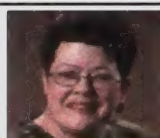
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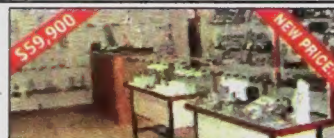
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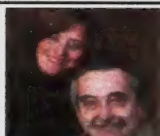
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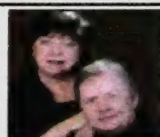
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